

Catamount Spirit

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Potomac State College Athletics Launches New Logo



In an effort to create a unique look for Potomac State College's Athletic Department and to design a logo for all Catamount Athletics, the Athletic and Marketing/Communications Departments jointly launched a new logo package during the College's 2006 homecoming weekend.

"Our goal for this project was two-fold," said Rene Trezise, Director of Marketing and Communications. "We needed to develop an identity that is solely Potomac State's and we needed to reinvent the athletic image to represent Potomac State as the serious contender that it is."

"We are very pleased with the final product and I am confident that our student athletes, our alumni and our fans will take great pride in the new set of athletic logos," added Shawn White, Athletic Director at the College.

The new set of Catamount marks was created by Suzanne Nelson of Artworks Graphic Design Studio in Short Gap, WV.

Potomac State Offers Second Four-Year Degree

BAS in Business Management Begins Spring 2007

Potomac State College of West Virginia University is pleased to announce the offering of its second four-year degree, a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Business Management which began this spring.

This new degree will assist graduates who have a two-year, Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in continuing their education to acquire additional skills and further their professional advancement.

"The whole idea of the BAS degree is to give students in career programs an opportunity to earn a four-year degree without losing any credits," explains Douglas Wilmes, Dean for Curriculum and Instruction at PSC. "Plus, they can stay here at Potomac State for four years."

"The BAS in Business Management will prepare students to become small business managers, supervisors, manager trainees, sales managers, office managers, and account managers," adds Karen Campbell, Coordinator of the new BAS program.

Potomac State's ability to offer four-year BAS degrees is the direct result of having become a fully integrated division of WVU. Potomac State offered its first BAS degree with an emphasis in Criminal Justice in June 2005.

Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees



Brendan Dougherty

Brendan Dougherty started his playing career at Potomac State where he posted a .370 career batting average and was named a Third Team All-American in 1994. Being instrumental in leading the team to a national championship the following year, Dougherty was named to the Junior College World Series All-Tournament team and was also named a NJCAA All-American. He has served in various positions at Auburn University, Army and Elon University. Dougherty joined the baseball staff at Coastal Carolina in 2005 where he serves as a hitting and outfielders coach.



Dan Ingram

Dan Ingram attended Potomac State from 1949-1951 on a full football scholarship where he was named to the 2nd All-Conference team in 1950. Ingram was respected and loved by his teammates and considered to be a leader on and off the field by his coach, the legendary Dana "Horse" Lough. Ingram went on to manage various national restaurant chains and was the owner of the Family Restaurant located in Deep Creek Lake, Md.



Elaine K. Lyon

Elaine K. Lyon attended Potomac State from 1980-1982 earning an associate's degree in physical education. She was the leading rebounder for the PSC Women's Basketball team from 1980 - '82, and the leading scorer during the 1981-'82 season. Lyon also played in the Region XX Tournament All-Star Game in 1982. She currently serves as the adult day services coordinator at Lycher, Inc. in Hagerstown, Md.



A Message from the Provost



Dear Alumni and Friends of Potomac State College,

The New Year has brought with it a flurry of activity all around campus. Work continues on our new residence hall in anticipation of its opening in August. Renovations to the Mary F. Shipper Library are nearing completion, the indoor riding arena project is underway, and numerous other improvement projects are scheduled to begin this spring.

Our athletic teams continue to enjoy great success. The Men's Soccer Team finished the fall season with its first-time ever trip to the NJCAA Division III national tournament—finishing 4th in the nation. Also this fall, our Golf Team won the WPCC Conference Championship. Women's Basketball continues a winning tradition with its second post-season tournament trip in three years. The Catamount Baseball Team begins its spring season ranked #5 in the nation following three consecutive trips to the NJCAA Division I World Series.

Academically our students also excel. In the fall of 2006, Potomac State enrolled 65 new PROMISE recipients, who joined 35 returning from last year for a total of 100. PSC has consistently had about 100 PROMISE recipients each fall since the inception of this state-supported scholarship program. Additionally, Potomac State awarded \$139,160 in institutional scholarships to students this fall.

Student interest in the College has never been greater. Enrollment for the Fall Semester 2006 stood at 1485 students, the highest in history. Current projections for fall 2007 look even better.

We certainly are excited about the new academic programs and facilities at Potomac State and the many opportunities they will provide for our students. We appreciate the support of our alumni and friends and look forward to working with you as we continue to strengthen our wonderful college.

Sincerely,

Kerry S. Odell

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Campus Provost



Work on the new residence hall continued through the recent freezing weather. Photo by Alex Long, a journalism student from Hampshire County, W.Va.

Homecoming Date Set

Be sure to mark October 13, 2007 on your calendars; that's the date recently set for Homecoming Weekend which will include receptions, old friends and new memories.



Alumni Spotlight — Rich Cardot

By Jesse Hedrick, Journalism Student from Grant County, WV.



Like many students, past and present, Potomac State Alumnus Guy R. "Rich" Cardot began his college career at PSC, attending the College from 1988-1990.

Cardot was born in 1967 and graduated high school in 1985. In September of that same year he entered the U.S. Army, serving as a member of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Upon discharge, Cardot decided it was time to pursue a profession. After considering several colleges and universities, Cardot ultimately took the advice of his father and decided upon Potomac State College. Cardot harbors many fond memories and looks back on his time at PSC as "the best years of my life before marriage and children."

At PSC, Cardot and several friends jump-started an existing campus ministry known as C.Y.F. (Christian Youth Fellowship). They began with four members and grew to around 25 within a few weeks. Without any concrete guidelines Cardot and company proceeded to "do it all." They prayed together, read scripture together, and planned their own retreats.

Cardot found friends on campus as well as in Keyser, with many of

whom he still keeps in contact. He was welcomed into the Keyser Presbyterian Church as well as the Keyser Assembly of God. Cardot is especially grateful towards the Reverend J. Andrew Gullick, Jr. and the

Reverend Donald Goldizen and their families for their support and contribution to his call to the ministry.

Following his studies at PSC, Cardot continued his education at Marshall University, and the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. In 1996 Cardot was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church.

During the past 15 years, Cardot has served at three churches in an ordained capacity (Rich Valley, Locust Cove, and Petersburg Presbyterian) and five churches while on internships (Mount Carmel, Glace,

Forest Memorial and Waiteville in Monroe County, WV and Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Georgia.)

He has been married for thirteen years and has three children. Cardot comments, "With three young children, a dog, a cat, and a rabbit, our life is rich and in constant motion." He enjoys spending time with his family, performing church work, traveling and reading.



Women's Basketball Team Earns Birth in NJCAA

Under the direction of Coach Jim Walton, the women's basketball team will be heading to Phoenix, AZ to play in the Division II National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Championship. The Lady Cats defeated Garrett in the Region XX Tournament championship game, winning 80-73. The team now boasts a 29 – 3 record for the season. For more details, visit <http://www.potomacstatecollege.edu/news/>

Remember Your Alma Mater in Your Will

As the years after graduation go by, the alumni of Potomac State College of WVU make the effort to stay connected. Homecoming, this newsletter and various events throughout the year offer these opportunities.

Some alums have expressed interest in providing support for the College, and that is truly appreciated. Each gift accomplishes something that could not happen otherwise.

While current support has the most immediate impact, many also consider including a gift provision in their will to assure a permanent connection to Potomac State College. The appropriate legal language needed is "to the West Virginia University Foundation, Inc. for the benefit of Potomac State College of WVU."

An endowed fund to support any part of the College can be created through a will by making a gift of \$25,000 or more, depending on the purpose of the fund, and will provide annual income for the purpose you specify. To learn more, contact Libby Nichols, Alumni/Development Associate, at 304-788-6870 or lnnichols@mail.wvu.edu.

Support from alumni will definitely help Potomac State College continue to grow and improve in quality in special ways over the years. That's truly something to smile about!

Historic Photo of the Month



Do you know these ladies from the 80's? Respond by emailing Libby Nichols at lnnichols@mail.wvu.edu

E-Newsletter

Currently it costs approximately \$5,000 per mailing to send this newsletter to alumni and friends of the College. In an effort to be more cost efficient, we are moving toward an electronic version. Please help us by submitting your e-mail address to Libby Nichols at lnnichols@mail.wvu.edu.

We appreciate your loyal support and invite you to make a tax-deductible donation to the PSC Alumni Association to assist with publications, events, Homecoming, and other alumni sponsored activities. Please send your contribution to the Potomac State College Alumni Office, 101 Fort Avenue, Keyser, WV 26726. Thank you!



Former PSC student and current WVU Cheerleader Scotty Miley visited with Potomac State College Professor Deanna Armentraut, her son Nathan, and husband Jason during a

reception hosted by the PSC Alumni Association prior to the WVU vs. Seton Hall Men's Basketball Game in Morgantown, WV.



Join us for our second annual
WEEKEND OF HONORS
April 19-22, 2007



Date	Activity	Location	Time	Cost
Thursday, April 19	Outstanding Staff Recognition	Student Union	2 – 3:30 p.m.	No Charge
	Outstanding Professor Reception For Faculty and Staff	Candlewyck Inn	4 – 6 p.m.	No Charge
Friday, April 20	Donor/Student Reception	Student Union	5 p.m.	No Charge
Saturday, April 21	PSC Baseball Game	Golden Park	1 p.m.	No Charge
	Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet Reservations Required Contact Libby Nichols at 304-788-6870 or 800-262-7332	Lough Gymnasium	5:30 p.m. Social Hour 6 p.m. Dinner	\$16
Sunday, April 22	PSC Baseball Game	Golden Park	1 p.m.	No Charge
	Scholar's Wall Recognition	Scholar's Wall	2:30 p.m.	No Charge
	Recognition Day	Lough Gymnasium	3:30 p.m.	No Charge
	Sigma Phi Omega Banquet Reservations Required Contact Dinah Courrier at 304-788-6947 or 800-262-7332	Lough Gymnasium	5 p.m.	\$13